

# ONCE A NEWSBOY NOW DECORATED FOR BRAVERY UNDER SHELL-FIRE

(By Associated Press.)

**BEHIND THE BRITISH LINES**  
IN FRANCE, April 15.—One of the familiar characters of pre-war days in London was a street-Arab newsboy who sold papers outside one of the hotels most frequented by American visitors. Delighting in the nickname of "Frog-faced Tich" he won the admiration of visitors as a master of repartee, varying his nightly refrain of "All the Winners" and "Orrible Murder" with ironical comments on the world's events and caustic replies to pedestrians who ventured to bandy words with him as they passed.

Persons who knew Tich Tapley in the old days would scarcely recognize him now in his khaki uniform, with a "crowned" ribbon on his breast indicating that he has been twice awarded the prized military cross. His comrades of the London regiment, moreover, declare that if he had been awarded a medal on every occasion on which he has merited it, he would be covered with

ribbon from head to foot of his diminutive body.

Too small to go into the army by the regular channels, Tich after several trials, was accepted as a stretcher bearer in the London regiment. At the front, he quickly became one of the most popular men in the regiment. One of his officers, in a report to headquarters, said of him, "Cheerfulness, courage, devotion to duty, and disregard of danger are as much a part of his equipment as his haversack and his waterbottle."

Tapley probably looks less like a hero than any other man in his battalion. But his caustic, good-natured humor, which was little more than an amiable diversion in civilian life, became an invaluable asset in the trenches, keeping up the morale and optimism of the whole battalion. His officers find themselves continually paying tribute to his usefulness in this respect. One of them wrote in a letter a short time ago:

"His gospel, whether consciously or not, is the gospel of cheerfulness."

and in practice it works out that his spirits grow lighter in proportion as dangers and discomforts grow heavier. His jests in time of stress provide just the electric spark that turns the hearts of men from gloomy pessimism into luminous defiance."

The ex-newsboy has the reputation, from Lens to St. Quentin, of being absolutely fearless. In his work as stretcher-bearer, he goes busily about among the falling shells, always whistling a popular tune, with an ever-ready work of sympathy and encouragement for the wounded. He is generally looked upon as one who bears a charmed life, for he has never received even a scratch, and his very presence is regarded as a mascot.

Tapley won the second of his two decorations under heavy shell fire in the Chalk Pit north of Loos when, single-handed, he bandaged and carried to a safe part of the trench all the wounded of his own company and several from a neighboring battalion.

## NOTES ON SPORTING EVENTS

(By Associated Press.)

**NEW YORK, April 15.**—With many players missing, due to voluntary and draft enlistment into war service and startling changes of uniforms since the close of the 1917 season, the major leagues will open their annual pennant campaign this week under conditions which have not existed at any previous period in the history of the organizations.

True to tradition and bravely facing the uncertain future, the sixteen clubs composing the National and American leagues begin their 1918 schedules confident that the niche which baseball has hewed for itself in the national life will be found a safe foothold even in the perilous times of the present day.

The American League, weather permitting, will have the honor of marshalling its forces to the first call of "play ball." Today the New York club of the junior association will face the Washington club players at the national capital city while the Philadelphia Athletics will oppose Boston on the home diamond of the latter team. The following day the four remaining clubs of the American League and all eight of the National League will swing into action in the various cities of the circuits providing the weather man co-operates with the players and the fans.

The schedules for Tuesday call

### LEPERS ENJOY SIGHT

(By Associated Press.)

**HONOLULU, T. H., April 15.**—How keenly the isolated lepers in the settlement at Molokai Island enjoyed the thrills of watching a real airplane flight close at hand is told in letters received here asking that their gratitude be expressed to Major Harold M. Clark, Hawaii's army aviator, who flew over the village recently in the first inter-island flight ever made in the territory.

Major Clark crossed the 30-mile channel between Oahu and Molokai winging his big "mokelele" as the Hawaiians call it, 1500 feet or so above the lepers at the settlement. Round and round he soared in order that the inhabitants of the lonely isle might have every opportunity of studying the huge bird. Letters from the island say they greeted the coming of the machine with shouts and cheers.

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for the following opening games: American League—Cleveland vs. Detroit at Cleveland; Chicago vs. St. Louis at Chicago. National League—St. Louis vs. Chicago at St. Louis; Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati; New York vs. Brooklyn at New York; Philadelphia vs. Boston at Philadelphia.

What the outcome of the pennant races in the two leagues will be only the future can disclose. In the American league, the Chicago White Sox world champions, are conceded to have the edge in playing strength and confidence which comes with the capturing of a championship. One or two of the rival combinations, particularly the New York Americans, have been strengthened as the result of trades and cash purchases and it is likely that the race for first place will be fully up to the standard of past years.

In the National League the New York Giants, winners of the 1917 pennant, are still the favorites for the flag, but on paper, at least, the team does not appear quite as impressive as a year ago. In addition there is certain to be greater opposition on the part of two or three clubs which have built up stronger teams than were available last season. In a general way Cincinnati and St. Louis appear prominently in this particular with at least one other combination in the role of a dark horse.

### WAR MILLIONAIRES

(By Associated Press.)

**AMSTERDAM, April 15.**—As an example of "how the war breeds millionaires" the Socialist Vorwaerts states that in 1913 there were 105 millionaires in Kiel, whereas now there are 202, while multi-millionaires have increased from 15 to 47. It takes only \$250,000 to be a millionaire in Germany.

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# BLOCKADE THE MOST IMPORTANT WEAPON IN HANDS OF THE ALLIES

(By Associated Press.)

**LONDON, April 15.**—The blockade is one of the most important weapons in the hands of the allies, asserts the British war cabinet. Dealing with the development and amplification of the blockade of Germany during 1917, the cabinet says in its annual report just made public.

The chief method by which this amplification has been effected has been the conclusion of a series of agreements with neutral shipping companies. The weapon in the background during such negotiations has been the British control of bunker facilities and the powers wielded by the inter-allied chartering committee.

A very considerable amount of success can fairly be claimed for the policy. In the Far East, the German commercial establishments have been almost completely destroyed and recent events will probably make it possible to complete the work.

Thanks to our agreements with American shipping companies, the financial stability of enemy firms in South America has been very generally shaken, and in some cases they have been forced into liquidation. In other instances, firms containing certain enemy interest have been obliged to eliminate this interest.

In Spain the policy has worked admirably, and is considered to have gone far to counteract the more insidious methods of German propaganda.

### FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS

(By Associated Press.)

**PARIS, April 15.**—The French captured prisoners in a successful local attack last night above Mont Didier.

### ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 8 CASH BOY CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY

Location of principal place of business, Carson City, Nevada. Location of mine and works, Tonopah, Nye County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 20th day of March, 1918, an assessment of one cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately, in United States gold coin, to E. H. Mead, secretary, at the company's office, room 201, Nixon building, Reno, Nevada.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 23rd day of April, 1918, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Monday, May 27th, 1918, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of Board of Directors,  
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E. H. MEAD, Secretary.

### ANNUAL STATEMENT Of the Tonopah Bonanza Mining Company for the year ending December 31, 1917

Location of mine, Tonopah Mining District, Esmeralda County State of Nevada.

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January 1, 1917. To cash on hand \$1,001.50  
To assessments collected during the year 1917 16,500.00  
To amount received from other sources 1,531.11

\$19,032.61

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